



Rita Ann Nagel

January 30, 1934 - June 17, 2009

Rita Ann Nagel age 75 of Rensselaer, IN passed away on Wednesday June 17, 2009 at Home Hospital, Lafayette, IN. She was born on January 30, 1934 in Logansport, IN to Joseph and Marie (Deininger) Kerber, both deceased.

Rita was a graduate of Logansport High School Class of 1952 and St. Elizabeth School of Nursing Class of 1955. On November 24, 1956 she married Gerald Delos Nagel, who passed away on March 17, 1997.

Until her retirement in 1997, Rita's occupations were multiple and varied. Rita worked side-by-side with Jerry managing and running the family farm. She was a Registered Nurse working in multiple capacities. Serving as office nurse to Dr. Francis O'Brien, which brought her to Rensselaer, began her nursing career. She worked in Surgery, Recovery and Obstetrics. Her innovative nature inspired her to develop a Health Occupations Class for Rensselaer Central High School and subsequently founding and directing the AlternaCare Unit at Jasper County Hospital until her retirement.

Rita was a member of the Saint Augustine Catholic Church of Rensselaer and the Christian Women's Group. She remained active as a volunteer in numerous capacities: Food Pantry, Local and State Vocations Cross Project, Prayer Tree, Jasper County Hospital Hospice as a volunteer and volunteer coordinator, and the Auxiliary including playing bunco with the Alternacare residents. She was a past member of the American Cancer Society, Saint Augustine Parish Council and School Board, and the Jasper County Community Services Board of Directors. Other volunteer activities included

Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary, Right-to-Life and religious education teacher at Saint Augustine and Sacred Heart, Remington. She holds the State of Indiana FFA Honorary Degree and was a staunch supporter of the 4-H program being ever present during fair events, most notably project judging, fashion review, and the 4-H swine show.

Some of Rita's legacy will include her sense of humor that allowed her to approach her endeavors with courage and determination. Her nonjudgmental attitude allowed her to see the good in all that encouraged many to develop a strong self-esteem and remember her as an inspiration to countless people. Most of all this generous and persevering woman exhibited a deep faith which found her in continuous prayer for others and their needs, which she portrayed even to her death. She will be deeply missed by all.

Rita is survived by her loving children, Doug (Marcia) Nagel, Rensselaer, IN; Cathy (Bob) Hanna, Rensselaer, IN; Lynn (Alan) Eisberg, Dousman, WI; Andy (Angie) Nagel, Rensselaer, IN; Father Rick Nagel, Greenwood, IN; Judy (Brian) Egan, Rensselaer, IN; Kurt (Suzanne) Nagel, Rensselaer, IN; Kristina (Sidney) Dobson, Rensselaer, IN and Patty (Jason) Kilmer, Brookston, IN

31 Grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren

One brother, Richard (Betty) Kerber, Lafayette, IN

One sister, Mary Louise Shenneman, Peru, IN

Preceded in death by her parents, husband, Gerald, 2 brothers & 1 sister

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
318 North McKinley Avenue
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5351
<https://stmichaelpastorate.org/>

Service

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I always liked your mother alot. She was an excellent Health Occ. teacher, and I know you will all miss her dearly. God Bless###imported-begin##Kelly (Merriman) feltzer###imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 06:30 PM



“ Rita was a good neighbor, a loving mother and a valuable volunteer. She will be missed.###imported-begin##KEN & SANDRA CULP###imported-end##

June 24, 2009 at 10:41 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy for your loss. I will never forget Aunt Rita or all the times I was blessed enough to get to spend with her. It was a pleasure having her along for the trip to Germany and Austria and the few trips to Minnesota when I got to share the backseat of the car with her and the vast amount of fruits and vegetables she brought with her. She was a very special woman and we will miss her. Love, Amanda###imported-begin##Amanda & Joe Schroeder###imported-end##

June 23, 2009 at 02:40 PM



“ Doug, Cathy, and Lynn...My brother,Greg, and I had many good times with the three of you as we traveled through 10 years of 4-H together! I can remember your mom at all of the "local judgings" @ the Barkley Church!! She was a wonderful lady. My deepest sympathy to all of you.###imported-begin##Andrea Wilder###imported-end##

June 20, 2009 at 08:13 AM



“ *DEAR FAMILY:*

I WAS SADDENED TO READ OF THE PASSING OF RITA. WE WERE VERY GOOD SCHOOL FRIENDS FOR 12 YEARS, FROM ST. JOSEPH'S THRU LOGANSPORT HIGH SCHOOL. WE ALSO WENT TO LAFAYETTE TO VISIT HER WHEN SHE WAS A STUDENT AT ST. ELIZABETH'S. THE LAST MINI REUNION THAT RITA ATTENDED WAS ABOUT IN 2005. SHE WAS VERY HAPPY TO SHOW PICTURES OF HER WONDERFUL FAMILY AND THE ORDINATION OF FATHER RICK. RITA HAS A GREAT FAMILY TO BID HER GOOD-BY FROM THIS WORLD AND A HUSBAND, JOE AND MARIE, HER PARENTS TO WELCOME HER AT HEAVEN'S GATES.

GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU.##imported-begin##MARY LOU MAROCCO KESLING##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 04:34 PM



“ *Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Rita was one of the most loving and thoughtful people I have ever met. She will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Heather Skonning##imported-end##*

June 19, 2009 at 04:17 PM



“ *I worked at the hospital with Rita for many years and remember her as a gracious and caring nurse. She also was a good friend to my mother when she was in Alternacare. My sympathy to all her family. Mary Lou##imported-begin##Bob and Mary Lou Nelson##imported-end##*

June 19, 2009 at 03:27 PM



“ We never had the opportunity to meet Mrs. Nagel, however we were moved to tears when Father Nagel spoke of her at a recent conference. What a beautiful legacy of love. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. May Peace Be With You, The Plunketts###imported-begin###Erick and Rachel Plunkett###imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 01:47 PM



“ Our prayers and thoughts are with Rita's family. We were blessed to have known Rita for so many years. Rita touched so many lives, and she will not be forgotten.###imported-begin###Julie Gunter, Helen Mudd and Chuck Mudd###imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 12:36 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you now and especially in the days ahead. Hold tight to your memories as they will bring you comfort and peace.###imported-begin###Kathy & Mariah Anstett-Biggs###imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 10:19 AM



“ Heidi and Family-

We are all thinking about you during this very sad time. All your good memories will sustain you. God Bless

Clarian Arnett Cancer Care Infusion Staff/Pharmacy###imported-begin###Ashley Crow###imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 10:09 AM



“ As our hearts are filled with sadness with the loss of Rita, it is also filled with memories of a very loving, caring and thoughtful lady who will be missed greatly by those who knew her or were touched by her kindness.##imported-begin##Louis Jr. and Vicki Nagel##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 08:50 AM



“ Just wanted you to know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Your mother was a wonderful person and I have fond memories of her. We will not be able to make the visitation, but please know we will be thinking of you all and you have our deepest sympathy in your loss. May God comfort you and fill the void in your family.##imported-begin##Troy & Lisa Furrer##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 07:49 AM



“ To the family of Rita. I'm so sorry about your lost of your mother and grandmother and greatgrandmother. My name is Scott Harmon of Goodland, Indiana. I have 2 children are Ben, and Beth.

Again, I'm so sorry about your lost.

The kids mother is Catherine (Nagel) Ulm, Manns. Rosaann Nagel is my kids grandmother.

Love your cousin,

Scott, Ben, Beth Harmon##imported-begin##scott harmon##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 06:25 AM



“ My prayers go out to all my cousins and everyone whose life Rita touched with her loving and funny emails, her simple way of making you feel loved and her continuous reminders through good and bad that God is with all of us, even when we forget to thank him. I remember when we all lost Jerry and she was there to console me and I thought "wasn't I the one supposed to be consoling her?" She will be forever missed! My dear "adopted grandma" my tears of grief are also tears of joy as you walk in the heavens with your husband and other loved ones. All my love, KB###imported-begin##Kimberly Boccardi (Nagel)###imported-end##

June 18, 2009 at 04:46 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Rita's passing, we will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with all her family.###imported-begin##Margaret, John, Gerald and Evelyn Miller###imported-end##

June 18, 2009 at 02:20 PM



“ Patty and Family, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. I have a lot of great memories of her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Love,
Marna, Jason, Allison, Ryan & Adam Swagert###imported-begin##Marna Swagert###imported-end##

June 18, 2009 at 01:44 PM



“ Our sincerest sympathies. Your family was an inspiration to us. We rejoice that Rita is now reunited with Jerry and enjoying her eternal reward. She will be missed here on earth.##imported-begin##Bob and Germaine Schenk##imported-end##

June 18, 2009 at 12:24 PM



“ My Prayers go out to the Nagel family. I have the deepest respect for Rita. She can now be joined with her life partner- Husband Jerry. I know they will walk in Heaven always looking down with pride on the wonderful Children and Grand Children they Loved so much.##imported-begin##Scott Deno##imported-end##

June 18, 2009 at 09:53 AM



“ Wish I could be there to put my arms around each of you and share your tears. My heart is heavy, but my memories are warm as I remember Rita along with her Jerry and the wonderful legacy they leave in the form of their children. They certainly made the world a better place.##imported-begin##Judy Burvan##imported-end##

June 18, 2009 at 07:14 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Rita and Jerry were fantastic people and Steve remembers the happy years of all of you growing up "north of the ridge". We know that each of you, and your families, were Rita's pride and joy. May each one of you feel the comfort of the Lord as this sad time.##imported-begin##Steve & Cay Jordan##imported-end##

June 17, 2009 at 09:37 PM